

**THE POPULATION OF THE NORTH—THE GROWTH AND INCREASE OF THE NATION—THE POPULATION ESTIMATED FOR SEVENTY YEARS AHEAD ON THE BASIS OF INCREASE OF THE LAST CENSUS.**

At the same ratio of increase which have maintained on an average, from our first national census, in 1790, until that of 1860, we should in 1900 have a population of 103,203,415. And why may we not continue that ratio far beyond that period? Our abundant room—our broad national homestead—is our ample resources. Were our territory as limited as are the British Isles, very certainly our population could not expand as stated. Instead of receiving the foreign born, as now, we should be compelled to send part of the native born away. But such is not our condition. We have two millions, nine hundred and sixty-three thousand square miles; Europe has three millions and eight hundred thousand, with a population averaging seventy-three and one-third persons to the square mile. Why may not our country, at some time, average as many? Is it less fertile? Has it more waste surface, by mountains, rivers, lakes, deserts, or other causes? Is it inferior to Europe in any natural advantage? If then, we are at some time to be as populous as Europe, how soon? As to when this may be, we can judge by the past and the present; as to when it will be, if ever, depends much on whether we maintain the Union. Several of our States are already above the average of Europe—seventy-three and a third to the square mile. Massachusetts has 157; Rhode Island, 133; Connecticut, 92; New York and New Jersey, each 80. Also two other great States, Pennsylvania and Ohio, are not far below, the former having 63 and the latter 59.

The States already above the European average, except New York, have increased in as rapid a ratio, since passing that point, as ever before; while no one of them is equal to some other parts of our country, in natural capacity for sustaining a dense population.

Taking the nation in the aggregate, and we find its population and ratio of increase, for the several decadal periods, to be as follows:

1800.	3,000,000.	30.02 per cent. ratio increase.
1810.	3,600,000.	"
1820.	4,224,814.	35.45 "
1830.	5,038,131.	33.13 "
1840.	12,866,029.	33.40 "
1850.	17,089,553.	33.67 "
1860.	23,105,875.	33.87 "
	31,413,700.	33.95 "

This shows an average annual increase of 31.69 per cent. in the nation through the 70 years from the time the last census was taken. It is seen that the ratio of increase, at no one of these seven periods, is either two per cent. below, or two percent. above the average; thus showing how inflexible, and consequently how reliable, the law of increase, in our case, is. Assuming that it will continue, given the following results:

1870.	42,323,541.	"
1880.	56,967,216.	"
1890.	73,677,571.	"
1900.	103,308,413.	"
1910.	137,918,326.	"
1920.	166,984,233.	"
1930.	211,610,914.	"

The figures show that our country may be as populous as Europe now, in some point, between 1860 and 1900; exceeding it in 1910, and, probably, at twenty-three and one-half persons to the square mile, being about one-half more than the average of all the world.

As we well know this, let us do our duty, and make the change by the full and early sacrifice of all our strength and energy for springing from the womb of national discord among our sons, and for the blessing of God, and God must have his way.

December 1, 1862. ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

case, has been long and irritating of colored people northward, because of the establishment of slavery in the District last spring?

Was I not told of the proportion of free colored persons to the whites in the District, is from the census of 1860, having no reference to persons called contrabands, &c., to obtain their freedom by the act of Congress abolishing slavery here?

The man consisting of those articles is recommended, but not that a restoration of the national authority would be accepted without its adoption.

THE WAR AND THE EXALCATION OF SLAVERY—ADDITION WOULD SOLELY BRING PEACE.

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And notwithstanding this plan, the plan, the recommendation that Congress provide by law for compensating any State which may adopt emancipation, before this same shall have been acted upon, is hereby earnestly renewed. Such will be only an advance of the plan, and the same arguments apply to both.

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